By the Queene.

Whereas aduertisement is giuen vnto vs, that there is at this time dispersed within our Citie of London, and the Suburbs thereof, a great multitude of base and loose people, such as neither haue any certeine place of abode, nor any good or lawfull cause of businesse to attend hereabouts, but lie priuily in corners and bad houses, listning after newes and stirres, and spreading rumours and tales, being of likelihood ready to lay holde of any occasion to enter into any tumult or disorder, thereby to seeke rapine and pillage: And likewise that further numbers of such sort of vagabond people do continually flocke and gather to our City, and the places confining about the same: Forasmuch as we haue lately in this most dangerous and desperate action of Rebellion, had most euident and full proofe of the loyall and true hearts and setled and vnmooueable affections, aswell of the rest of our Subiects, as specially of our Citizens of London, whereby we do to our great comfort foresee there can grow no account of disturbance of our peace and quiet, but from such refuse and vagabond people:

Therefore we doe streightly command and charge all persons, that such loose people, hauing no certaine dwelling or abode within the Citie and Suburbs thereof, or otherwise no sufficient cause of stay or lawfull businesse, presently auoyde, and get them downe into the Countrey, vpon paine of death by Marshall Lawe, to be executed vpon them, And doe in like maner commaund all people of like sort and condition, or any other persons that cannot yeeld some reasonable cause of their repaire, to forbeare to come out of the Countrey to our sayd Citie, or the Suburbs thereof, vpon like paine: And wee doe streightly charge as well our Prouost Marshall, as the Constables and others, to whom it may appertaine, to apprehend such offendours, that they be proceeded with, with all care and diligence, as they will answere it at their vttermost peril.

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God saue the Queene.

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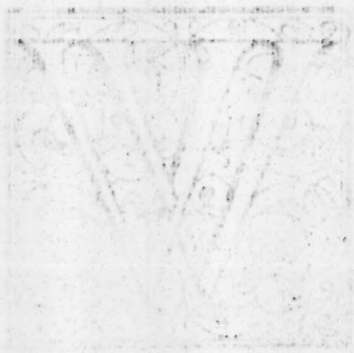

¶ Orders conceiued by the Lords of her Maieſties Priuie Counſel, and by her Highneſſe ſpecial direction, commanded to be put in execution for the reſtraint of killing, and eating of Fleſh this next Lent, and to be executed aſwell by the Lord Maior within the City and Suburbs of London, and by the Officers of the Liberties & exempt places in and about the ſame, as by order to be preſcribed by the Lords Lieutenants of all the Counties of the Realme, to the Iuſtices of peace, Lords of Liberties, and Officers of corporate Townes.

¶ 26. *Febr.* 43. *yeere of her Maieſties Reigne.*

FIrſt, her Maieſties pleaſure is, vpon her vnderſtanding of the great diſorders heretofore, and eſpecially the laſt Lent, committed in killing and eating fleſh in the time of Lent, eſpecially in the Citie of London, and the liberties thereto adioyning, that the Statute made in the fift yeere of her Maieſties Reigne for the reſtraint thereof, be put in due execution by the way of Inquiſition, and charge of Iuries, or by any other good meanes, both within the Citie and all other places requiſite within the Realme, and this to be executed with more diligence then heretofore it hath bene.

2 And for the better knowledge of the trueth of theſe diſorders, and redreſſe of the inconueniences, the ſayd Iuries ſhall call before them, and ſend for any of the Seruants of any Inholders, Victuallers, Tauerners, and Keepers of Ordinarie Tables, and ſuch other that vtter victuals, to examine them vpon their corporall othes, what fleſh is, or hath bene during the Lent ſeaſon, dreſſed, killed, vttered or eaten in their houſes, which if they ſhall refuſe to doe, then they ſhal make knowen the ſame to the Alderman or his Deputie of that ward, who ſhall commit to priſon the ſayd ſeruants, ſo refuſing vpon their othes to declare the trueth.

3 And becauſe a great part of the diſorder groweth by the Butchers of the City of London, and alſo of the Countrey, that kill ſecretly and bring Fleſh to the City: It is ordered that there ſhall be onely ſixe Butchers licenſed by the Lord Maior within the City of London, and for the liberties thereof, viz. three in Eaſtcheape, and three in S. Nicholas Shambles, who ſhalbe of the poorer ſort, and ſhall not pay any thing for their licenſes, nor ioyne with them any partners.

4 That euery of the ſaid Butchers ſo to be licenſed within the City, bee ſtinted not to kill weekely aboue the number of twentie ſheepe, twentie calues, and twentie lambes, and to vtter and ſell the ſame in their open ſhops in ſuch ſort, as in open time they are accuſtomed to doe, and at ſuch rates and prizes as ſhall be ſet downe by order of the Lord Maior of London for that Citie and the liberties thereof. And beſides euery one of them ſhall keepe a perfect booke, what Fleſh they kill euery day, and to what perſons they ſell and vtter the ſame, and be bound in a ſufficient Bond with good Sureties to her Maieſties vſe, to obſerue theſe Orders in euery reſpect.

5 That there be licenſed only to kill and vtter fleſh in the Suburbs of the ſaid City, as in the Counties of Middleſex and Surrey neere vnto London, onely ten Butchers to be licenſed by the Iuſtices within the ſeueral limits, that is, two without Temple Barre in the parish of S. Clement Danes, two without Smithfield Barres in the parish of S. Pulchers, or Clarketonwell, or one of them, one in Whitecroſſe ſtreete, one in Norton Folgate, one in White Chappell, one in S. Katherines, two in Southwarke, and for the City of Weſtminſter and the liberties thereof two Butchers to be licenſed by the chiefe Officer of that liberty. And thoſe to be as is before expreſſed for the ſayd Citie and the liberties, of the poorer ſort inhabiting in thoſe places, and to be licenſed without any money or other conſideration to be giuen for the ſame, and to be bound in the like Bond and Conditions, and to obſerue the ſame Orders in euery reſpect as thoſe that are to be appointed for London, and the ſayd Clerke of the Market, Officer and Iuſtice, there to ſee them, and to ſet the prizes of the victuals to be vttered in thoſe parts.

6 That no perſon be permitted to kill or ſell any fleſh but to thoſe that are licenſed, nor in any other place as before is ſpecified, vpon paine to forfeit the fleſh to be giuen to the poore in the priſons, and to ſuffer imprizonment.

7 That the Conſtables, Churchwardens and other publique Officers be authoriſed in London, and the liberties thereof, by the L. Maior, and by the Iuſtices in the Counties of Middleſex and Surrey, and the forenamed Officers in Weſtminſter, to make ſearch, and to ſee that the licenſed Butchers, or any other doe kill or vtter any fleſh, nor doe any thing contrary to the Orders and her Maieſties proclamation in that behalfe, and if they finde any to offend therein, that they be bound and ordered to preſent the ſame to the Iuſtices of the Peace, and the Officers of Weſtminſter, who are to ſee the offenders duely puniſhed and proceeded withall according to the law and their diſcretions.

8 Item, that euery Butcher licenſed to kill for any priuate perſons, doe not ſell to any other.